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NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Dist. Atty. Garrison's "confidential informant," 3-judge criminal district court panel say he heard Lee Harvey Oswald, Clay and David Ferrie plotting to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Clay Raymond Russo, 38, an insurance agent from Baton Rouge, testified he Ferrie's apartment here in Septem-

Nagging little question,
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63 and listened to a discussion of kill Kennedy and make a getaway, he said the plot involved "triangular crossfire," diversionary shooting, a flight to Cuba and the sacrifice of one at a swapoff to allow the others pe.

Body was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, two months after the alleged meeting in his cluttered apartment not far from Ferrie's elegant Garden District.

THE WARREN COMMISSION said that was the lone assassin and that there was no evidence of any conspiracy. Three alleged co-conspirators, only Oswald, was killed by Jack Ruby days after the assassination, and died in bed Feb. 22.

He denied taking part in any attempt to kill the President, and the attorney in Washington said the FBI had Shaw late in 1963 and cleared him of any link to the assassination.

He is a part-time college student who is a young cousin near the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. A fellow-student at LSU said: "a quiet type who is interested in

He was first publicly connected with book protest on Feb. 24, when he told he knew Ferrie.

to him as "Leon Oswald" and Shaw as "Clem Bertrand."

Showing a photograph by Garrison, Russo identified Leon as Lee Harvey Oswald—the name the Warren Commission named as the assassin.

Asked if Clem Bertrand was in the courtroom, Russo pointed at Shaw.

The 54-year-old Shaw, calmly smoking a cigarette, didn't move.

RUSSO SAID he first saw Lee Harvey Oswald in Ferrie's apartment, and that Oswald was "wiping or cleaning a rifle bolt action. It had a sight on it for hunting."

Russo said he had seen Bertrand in May, 1962, when President Kennedy dedicated a new wharf in New Orleans, and said "New Orleans must trade or fade."

"I was in school," Russo said. "The President was coming down to make a speech. At that time I saw Bertrand. While the President was speaking, I was looking around. Bertrand was one of the few not looking at the President."

Police estimated 20,000 persons attended the dedication.

Russo said that after he contacted Garrison following Ferrie's death, the district attorney took him to "a house on Dauphine Street." Shaw lives at 1313 Dauphine St. "He stuck his head out the door, and I said, 'that's the man,'" Russo said, referring to Bertrand.

The hearing recessed.

10 a.m., Wednesday: The defense subpoenaed Russo's school and government records.

The rare 3-judge criminal district panel was called to hear the present case and decide whether there is evidence to warrant formal charges for Shaw, now retired.

SHAW WAS ARRESTED in Garrison's office on March 1. He was being never formally charged—with conspiring to kill the President. Such procedure is now under Louisiana law.

Shaw, sometime Army major, was on \$10,000 bond shortly after his arrest.

Ferrie, a former airline pilot, was dead in his bed Feb. 22. The precise death resulted from natural causes.

After leading Russo through a summary of his educational background and present job, Garrison asked: "Mr. Ferrie."

Russo said he not only knew Ferrie but had an "open book invitation" to visit his apartment at any time.

He said that it was in the summer of 1963 that Ferrie "indicated to me that he was obsessed with Kennedy." This immediate objection as being a new reached by the witness. The court overruled the objection.

"Don't tell us your conclusion caused Garrison. "What did Ferrie you in regard to Kennedy?"

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